

VOLUNTOWN SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Regular Meeting held on November 24, 2015

Regular Meeting	The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at the Voluntown Town Hall. Mr. Sirpenski, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Selectmen Present	Robert A. Sirpenski, Tracey L. Hanson, Lloyd A. VanLanen
Town Officials	Barbara Gauthier, Asst. to the BI/ZEO & Assessor; Sandra Pellinen, Library Board of Trustees, Catherine Rubin, Library Director; Audience of Citizens
Citizens Present	Rep. Paul Brycki
Approval of Minutes	
Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 27, 2015 as submitted. Motion approved.
Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Nov. 16, 2015. Motion approved.
Citizens Comments	None
Correspondence & Announcements	
Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Lloyd VanLanen) to have Correspondence & Announcements follow New Business. Unanimously voted.
Old Business	
Library – HVAC	Catherine Rubin, Library Director, spoke about the need to replace the current heating/cooling system at the Library. Ms. Rubin noted that with the treatment of termites this past spring, it was discovered that the current system was buried under a slab, which not only traps moisture but allowed the termites access. The Library BOT would like to use American Heating & Cooling for the project, and noted that they may be eligible for financing through the State, interest free. Mr. Sirpenski asked if it would impact the proposed addition, but Ms. Rubin noted it would be a separate system. The BOS will review the information and discuss it at their meeting on 12/1/15.
Library – Addition	Ms. Pellinen and Ms. Rubin spoke about the ongoing (two year) fundraising efforts for an addition to the Library. They noted that they received a grant from the CT. State Library for over \$402,000, however, the Town would have to match funds. Between donations and other grants they still need to raise approximately \$300,000 by the fall of 2016. Mr. Sirpenski asked about the status of plans for the project. Ms. Rubin noted that she is working with DEMCO on a floor plan. Mr. Sirpenski asked that a Building Committee be established and preliminary plans and a cost estimate be solicited in order to proceed.
Constitution Field Stair Project	The BOS discussed the project and agreed the approximately \$7,900 owed to Boundaries, LLC would be paid from the Recreation Commission budget. Rep. Brycki noted that he has been working with the Commission on the project and has met with the State Bonding Comm. and will continue his efforts on their behalf. The Recreation Commission will write to the Governor Malloy asking for his support on this ADA Compliant project.
Election Workers Pay Rates Motion	A motion was made (Lloyd VanLanen/Robert Sirpenski) to approve an increase in the poll workers pay rates as follows: Machine Tenders/Ballot Clerks, \$13; Checkers, \$15 and Moderators/Registrars, \$17. Motion Approved. Tracey Hanson abstained.
Driveway Permit Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Lloyd VanLanen) to approve the completion of a driveway located at 260 Shetucket Tpke. Unanimously voted.
New Business	
Tax Refunds Motion	A motion was made (Tracey Hansen/Lloyd VanLanen) to approve tax refunds to Eccleston Landscaping and Jacqueline Decker. Unanimously voted.

New Business

Asst. Assessor/BI/ZEO Mr. Sirpenski noted that he received an email from Barbara Gauthier, Asst. to the Assessor/BI/ZEO notifying the BOS that she had accepted an offer of full time work in Griswold. Ms. Gauthier noted that she would be willing to continue working part-time. Mr. Sirpenski thanked her for the offer and her years of service. The BOS accepted her resignation, effective Dec. 1, 2015 and Mr. Sirpenski noted that they would consider her for per diem work to help with the transition.

NECCOG Motion A motion was made (Lloyd VanLanen/Tracey Hanson) to approve a Resolution adopting the 2015 NECCOG Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Unanimously voted. A copy of the Resolution is appended to these minutes.

Addition to Agenda Motion A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Lloyd VanLanen) to add an Authorizing Resolution for the Homeland Security Grant Program to the agenda. Unanimously voted.

Authorizing Resolution Motion A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Lloyd VanLanen) to approve an Authorizing Resolution between the Town of Voluntown and The State of Conn. Division of Emergency management and Homeland Security, Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection. Unanimously voted. A copy of the Resolution is appended to these minutes.

Appointments Boards/Commissions Appointees Motion A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Robert Sirpenski) to re-new the appointment of the following Appointees and the members of Boards, Commissions. (Unanimously Voted)
EDC – Mary Papenfoth
Rec. Comm. – Peter Cassidy, Tammy VanLanen, Lloyd Vanlanen
V/S Transfer Station – Deborah Fletcher
Building Official – Peter Zvingilas
Assessor – Paige Donovan
Asst. to the Assessor – Barbara Gauthier
Tourism Rep. – Jennifer Panko
Tax Coll. – Maria Morell
Treasurer – Richard Osga

**Correspondence
& Announcements**

CT State Police Lt. Eric Cooke sent a report to the Town showing 71 Calls for Service in October.

DVRN DRVN Enterprises forwarded a quote for winter salt in the amount of \$73.95

CT-UCOA The State of Conn. forwarded information on the Uniform Chart of Accounts that all Towns and Cities in the State are required to implement. The program tracks all expenditures which are then forwarded to the State.

Prescription Drug Town residents have saved approximately \$3444.48 with the discount cards provided by CCM.

Background Checks The CT State Police forwarded information on new policies for FBI Background checks.

Adjournment

Motion A motion was made (Tracey Hanson/Lloyd VanLanen) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Roxanne Gray, Admin. Asst. to the BOS

Approved for distribution by:

Robert A. Sirpenski, Selectman